

Special Education Programs

Information, News and Events

January 2018



Next Sped Director Call:

January 16, 2018—10 a.m. CST

Connect through Skype for Business at:

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Direct dial: 1(866)410-8397

Participant code: 1286289700

Agenda Items:

- Preschool LRE
- Assessment Workshops

STAFF:

[Linda Turner](#), Director

[Wendy Trujillo](#), Assistant Director

[Rebecca Cain](#), Program Specialist

[Angel Corrales](#), Data Manager

[Melissa Flor](#), Program Specialist

[Elizabeth Jehangiri](#), 619 Coordinator

[Jamie Morris](#), Program Specialist

[April Hodges](#), Program Specialist

[Beth Schiltz](#), Program Specialist

Vacant, Program Specialist

[Kristin Jerome](#), Secretary

Sped Program Highlights

Jamie Morris has taken a position with the Department of Human Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities and will be departing Special Education Programs on January 22. This is an exciting opportunity for her and we wish her well.

We are pleased to announce that April Hodges will be filling the Accountability position and will be transitioning with Jamie during this time. Welcome to the Special Education team April!

Federal Program Highlights

Endrew F. decision Q&A

The Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS) a Question and Answer (Q&A) document addressing the *Endrew F.* decision. OSERS issued the Q&A document to provide parents and other stakeholders information on the issues addressed in *Endrew F.* and the impact of the Court's decision on the implementation of IDEA

DOE Program Highlights

We are pleased to announce that CCSO has recently released a new publication, *CCSSO English Learners with Disabilities Guide*, which is available on CCSO's website at <http://www.ccsso.org/resource-library/ccsso-english-learners-disabilities-guide>.

The Guide has been created in partnership with representatives from over 20 state and local education agencies, as well as in consultation with national experts. The purpose of this document is to offer recommendations to states developing policies and procedures on 1) the identification of English learners with disabilities, and 2) Individualized Education Program (IEP) development for English learners with disabilities. The Guide also identifies specific areas in need of additional research to inform state policy and procedures.

“A teacher affects eternity ;
he can never tell where his
influence stops.”

Henry Adams

Professional Development

(click on the titles to go to registration site)

New Director Webinars

This series of webinars is directed at new special education directions (0-3 years) to learn more about processes required by the Department of Education.

Time: Time: 3:00-4:30pm CST (webinars will be recorded and posted after the training)

CEU's available for registered participants who participate on the Live call. Roll call will be taken, please be sure to sign in with full name for credit.

Webinar 1: Accountability/RDA - September 25th

Webinar 2: Child Count - October 30th

Webinar 3: Dispute Resolution - November 14th

Webinar 4: SPP/APR - December 12th

Webinar 5: Fiscal/Budget - January 23rd

2018 Special Education Conference

March 13 and 14

Call for Papers: Please consider presenting! See call for papers attachment for more information.

Keynote Speaker:

Tim Clue <https://www.timclue.com>

Free Parent Session: March 13, 6:30-8:00. Everyone is invited. Please share the attached flyer with your parents and students.

Catch the Wave Events

3/22/18—BHSU, Spearfish

3/27/18—MTI, Mitchell

4/10/18—USD, Vermillion

4/11/18—NSU, Aberdeen

4/18/18—LATI—Watertown

Winter Assessment Workshops

The Winter Assessment Workshop will provide attendees with the necessary information to support their school and district in the administration of Smarter Balanced, SDSA and SDSA Alt, and MSAA. The workshop will be set up conference-style with two breakout sessions occurring concurrently. More information will be posted at <http://doe.sd.gov/Assessment/presentations.aspx> regarding the schedule and breakout session descriptions.

- Huron - January 31st
- Sioux Falls - February 7th & 8th
- Rapid City - February 14th & 15th



Sped Program Feature Presentation

Updates in Sped

- January 8-12th Sped Program staff will be out of the office at an on-site review. If you need immediate assistance please call (605) 773.3678.
- Regional Representatives have been updated to reflect staff changes. April Hodges will cover region 4 and temporarily region 5. Please [click here](#) for the current list.